



## **Message Reflections**

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***“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”***  
**Isaiah 9:2**

When we look at our world today, it is not difficult to find the brokenness, selfishness, and hurt that consumes so many people. This sin and darkness can sneak into our lives in such subtle ways that we turn to worldly solutions to our struggles, rather than look to God and His Word for truth.

- In what ways do you find yourself tempted to seek answers from a worldly perspective instead of from God’s perspective?

God tells us His Word is the lamp for our feet and the light on our path (Psalm 119:105); He provides all we need for direction when we feel overwhelmed by the darkness of the world.

### **Read John 1:1-5 and Ephesians 5:8-14.**

Jesus is the Word who was with God from the beginning. He is the light who has overcome the darkness. Revelation 21:23 tells us that the Lamb (Jesus) is the lamp that brings light to all. All throughout Scripture we see these correlations and this image of God as light.

- How has the light of Jesus overcome the darkness that used to consume your life? How has the light of Christ changed you?
- What does it look like for you to reflect the light of Christ in your life and community this week?

This Advent we celebrate the gift of Jesus who has brought light to a world in darkness. *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6) May the fulfillment of this prophecy, and the hope it gives us, pierce the darkness of your world today.